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Dr. Robert F. Thorne
Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
1500 North College Ave.
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Thorne:

Do I envy you your trips!!! Washington, D.C. must have been nice in the spring.

Enclosed are a few treasures that have been around for awhile while I was trying to get caught up from taking a few days off.

No. 1 - From Acton, L.A. County - "Could you find out what this bush is? Found it in front of an old prospector's cabin. No one has been there in 14 years. The plant has had no care at all. Could it be transplanted or slips taken from it and at what time? These long spikes of vivid blue flowers are all over the bush, which is about 4 feet tall." Trichostema lanatum

No. 2 - From San Luis Obispo Co. - "What is the name of this plant? In Europe it is called Palina. It is a medicinal plant. Could you tell me anything about it?" Artemesia

No. 3 - From San Francisco - "These leaves are from a plant that has seeded itself in my garden. I would like to know whether it is a tree or shrub; how tall it will grow; whether or not it will lose its leaves in winter; any characteristics you may be able to tell me."

Same old thing - no fruit or blossoms on two of these, but you just might recognize them. I couldn't find "Palina" in any of our books.

Sincerely,

CALIFORNIA FARMER

By Marjorie McAlinden
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P.S: One more leaf from Woodland, Yolo Co.: "Can you tell me what plant this leaf is taken from? The leaves are large at the base and get narrower as the plant goes upward. The nurseries here do not know what it is."